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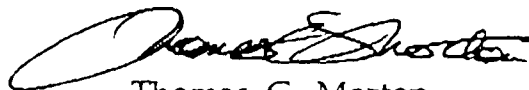
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the Microsoft settlement. After three years of litigation, I feel it is time that this issue is finalized. I strongly dispute the merits of this case, yet I believe the settlement of this case is in the publics' best interest. I urge the Justice Department to enact the settlement with haste.

Further Microsoft has given up much under the terms of the settlement in the hopes of finding a resolution. Microsoft has agreed to relax relations with software developers so that developers will now be able to enter into multiple contracts with competing employers. Developers will also have access to the Windows design interfaces. This will allow developers to create software that is increasingly compatible with Windows.

Obviously Microsoft has done their part to resolve this dispute. I would hope that the Justice Department recognizes the importance of enacting this settlement.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Strom Thurmond